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In re Application of

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition To Withdrawal An Erroneous Holding Of Abandonment Under 37 CFR § 1.181(A), received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on August 23, 2005.

The petition is GRANTED

The application was held abandoned for Applicant's failure to timely file a reply to the Office letter —Notice Of Drawings Inconsistency — mailed July 12, 2005.

Petitioner states that the Applicant's timely submitted, on June 13, 2005 the Response To Notice Of Drawing Inconsistency and three (3) sheets of Figures. Also, that the serial number and filing date of the timely filed response was incorrect.

The Office acknowledges receipt of the Response To Notice Of Drawing Inconsistency with Figures 11-13 on June 13, 2005.

Under current Office procedure, a response that has an incorrect application number is handled in accordance with MPEP 508.03. If a paper having an incorrect application number contains sufficient information to identify the correct application and was timely filed, the holding of abandonment will be withdrawn. In reviewing the papers submitted, it is concluded that the information contained thereon was sufficient to associate the papers with the instant file.

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Therefore, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

As requested, Figures 11-13 will be cancelled.

Telephone inquires relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned in the Office of Patent Publication at 703-308-9250.

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